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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Terence Martin HINDS,
John Joseph GERAGHTY, Rolf BASLER
A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FLOOR COVERING
Our Ref: Q51544

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/141,326 filed June 27, 2000 (which was a CPA filed based on Serial No. 09/141,326 with an original filing date of August 27, 1998) of Terence Martin HINDS, John Joseph GERAGHTY, and Rolf BASLER entitled A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FLOOR COVERING.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1733.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/141,326 filed June 27, 2000 (which was a CPA filed based on original filing date of August 27, 1998), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.-- *(now amended)*

Priority is claimed from August 27, 1997 based on IE Application No. 970633. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/141,326.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	23 - 20	=	3	x	\$18.00	=	\$54.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$764.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire

pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/141,326. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Terrence Martin HINDS, et al.

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Examiner: John C. Gallagher

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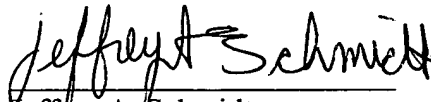
SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find 7 sheets of formal drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,


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